

AMERICAN AIR SQUADRON HURLED BOMBS ON GERMAN OBJECTIVES, DESPITE HEAVY DEFENSE BY LAND AND AIR FORCES

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DOMMERY-BARONCOURT RAILWAY STATION WAS THE CHIEF TARGET

Bursting Bombs Laid Perfect Circle of Smoke About the Junction—German Airplanes Were Driven Off On the Return Trip

With the American Army in France, Friday, June 14 (by Associated Press).—The first raid by an American bombing squadron behind the German lines was accomplished with successful and satisfactory results, the Americans performing like veterans. Some of the observers had been on similar flying missions with French or British pilots, and they knew exactly how to gauge accurately the fall of the bombs.

As they made their start for Germany, the bombing planes received quite an ovation. A number of French and British aviators and officers and a large party of American fliers cheered them from the flying field as they came racing down the grass, tilted upward and then turned north toward the enemy's lines.

The German anti-aircraft batteries gave them a hot reception as they crossed the front, but this shelling was extremely tame compared with what they underwent as they approached Dommery-Baroncourt. Two of the American planes leading the squadron became the target of the anti-aircraft guns. They twisted and dived under a heavy shrapnel fire until they arrived over their objective, a railway junction and the surrounding buildings three miles below.

The commanding officer of the unit was in the leading plane as observer, and it sped over the objective first, the commander releasing his bombs. At the same time he signalled to the other machines, which followed in a nearly straight line.

Bursting bombs laid a perfect circle of smoke about the railway junction. The smoke obscured the buildings as the bombers turned southward toward the American lines.

German attacking planes met the Americans two miles from Dommery and attempted to pick off those planes which were trailing, but the lively fire of the other machines forced the enemy to give up the attempt just as the line was reached. Arriving at the starting point, the aviators were showered with congratulations on the results of the first raid by their envious comrades.

ENGLISHMAN HELD ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Conspiring with Sir Joseph Jonas, former Lord Mayor of Sheffield, recently arrested for alleged transmitting of information useful to enemy.

London, June 15.—Charles Alfred Vernon, who is said to have been employed in an important capacity in the ministry of munitions, was charged in Bow street police court today with conspiring with Sir Joseph Jonas, former lord mayor of Sheffield, who was recently arrested on the charge of transmitting information useful to the enemy.

The case was adjourned until Wednesday next, when the two prisoners will be arraigned together.

Sir Joseph Jonas, a prominent steel manufacturer, was born and educated in Germany and became a British subject by naturalization in 1876. It was indicated at the time of his arrest that a war office official might figure in the case and yesterday the arrest of "a prominent official of the government offices" in connection with the case was announced from London. The alleged offense was committed before the war began, according to reports from London.

STOCK MARKET RISES.

Was Stimulated by Further Favorable War News.

New York, June 15.—Stimulated by further favorable war news, stocks registered many gains at the opening of today's market. The advance was again fostered by U. S. Steel, which rose almost a point on its first sale of 4,000 shares. Reading, which displayed marked strength in the final dealings of the previous session, also had a "wide" opening. Most of the industrial, motor and allied specialties were materially higher.

PRES. WILSON CALLS LEADERS TO CONFER

Prominent Members of the Senate Were Summoned to the White House Today.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—President Wilson today summoned a number of Senate leaders to the White House for a conference, the subject of which was not disclosed. Among the leaders asked were Senator Martin of Virginia, majority leader of the Senate; Senator Hitchcock

WAR SUMMARY ON ALL FRONTS

Allied strategy and tenacity in combat again have checked blows by massed bodies of German troops and the German crown prince has given up his second offensive within a month without either of them having affected seriously the general situation on the western front. Except for artillery duels, a lull has come, but a new enemy assault is expected soon.

In the offensive which began last Sunday the Germans used large masses of troops on a short front. For three days they gained ground and were rapidly forcing their way southward along the Aisne. French resistance stiffened, and then the French took the offensive. German efforts to strike south of the Aisne and reach the Oise south of Compiègne also failed after a slight gain.

On Friday there was no infantry fighting of moment anywhere along the front from Ypres to Rheims, which is now the vital section of the western line. The Germans made no further attempts and are probably re-forming the divisions shattered by the French resistance of the past week.

South of the Somme and between the Aisne and the Marne the artillery fire has been above normal, but there are no indications that the Germans are prepared to renew their offensive on either sector. Military observers, believing that the Noyon-Montdidier effort was a feint to occupy the allies, expect that the heaviest blow yet will come on the Picardy front, with the enemy again attempting to separate the French and the British and reach the coast.

Berlin reports the number of guns captured since May 27 by the crown prince as 1,050.

In the latest offensive the Germans gained 150 square miles of territory and captured 15,000 prisoners and 150 guns, the poorest showing in any of the advances. While the American infantry has been inactive on all sectors, American aviators on the Toul front have been bombing towns behind the German lines. The first American bombing raid was against Dommery-Baroncourt, northeast of Verdun, on Wednesday. This was followed Friday by another incursion, on which 20 bombs were dropped on Comfains, a railway junction midway between Metz and Verdun. The Americans returned safely, despite efforts of enemy airplanes and anti-aircraft guns.

Italian troops have checked successfully strong enemy attempts to force passage through the important Tonalé pass, northwest of Trent. Two attacks by Austrian infantry were broken up by the Italian defense and 130 prisoners captured. Tonalé pass is just north of La Bussanza, where the Italians recently gained a commanding height, and the Vermiglio valley passes through it. The remainder of the Italian front is quiet.

DISTANT RELATIVES TO BE INCLUDED

In Government Allowances to Be Paid Dependents of Soldiers and Sailors If Law Is Amended.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—Government allowances can be paid dependent aunts or other distant relatives of a soldier or sailor only if the insurance law is amended, treasury officials explained today in answer to many inquiries. At present allowances may be paid only to a dependent wife, child, divorced wife, parent, grandparent, brother, sister or grandchild. In many cases, men now in the service have been reared by distant relatives or persons not related by blood, who later became dependents. An amendment is being prepared to permit the dependents to benefit under the insurance plan.

PEONIES PROMINENT.

In the Flower Show Being Conducted in Old Town Hall.

Peonies are most conspicuous in the floral exhibit which the civic department of the Barre Women's club is conducting in the vacant store in the old town house, but other varieties are in evidence and visitors who inspected the exhibit yesterday and today are of the opinion that the department has been very successful in its efforts. Flowers from a considerable radius have been brought in and attractively arranged by the committee. Awards are being made today on the basis of selections made by a board of judges, consisting of Mrs. N. J. Morrison, Mrs. Frank A. Walker and Miss Blanche J. Tilden. There is an especially fine exhibition of miscellaneous flowers from the Morrison farm, and much of the green used as a background for the floral exhibits comes from the Gale farm. The exhibition opened Friday afternoon and will continue through the afternoon and evening. It is hoped that passersby will make it a point to visit the flower show.

This evening two tuberoses rooted begonias plants are to be sold, among other flowers and plants, and the proceeds will be given to the Red Cross.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Beginning June 10, the yearly subscription price for The Times by mail is \$4.00, cash in advance.

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SCOTCH TOOK PART IN ATTACK

With Other British Troops, They Carried Out Successful Operation

NORTH OF BETHUNE ON FLANDERS FRONT

Over 60 Prisoners Were Taken, British War Office Announced

London, June 15.—A successful local operation was carried out last night by English and Scottish battalions north of Bethune, on the Flanders front, and over sixty prisoners were taken, according to the statement issued by the war office today.

The statement says: "A successful local operation was carried out last night by English and Scottish battalions north of Bethune. More than 60 prisoners were taken. A few prisoners and three machine guns were captured by us during the night as the result of the successful raids in the Villers-Bretonneux sector."

"A raid attempted by the enemy upon one of our posts in Aveluy wood was repulsed. Local fighting took place during the night about certain of our posts east of Nieppe forest."

ARTILLERY ACTIVE ALL ALONG LINE

But No Infantry Actions Have Occurred in France, the French War Office Announced Today.

Paris, June 15.—The artillery on both sides was active last night on the front between Montdidier and the River Oise, the war office announced today.

The gunfire was also rather marked in the region south of the Aisne and west of Rheims, in the Champlatt-Bigny sector. No infantry actions occurred.

The statement says: "During the night there was great activity between the opposing artillery batteries between Montdidier and the Oise, south of the Aisne and also west of Rheims in the region of Champlatt and Bigny."

"French patrols operating in the Champagne sector captured prisoners."

"The night was calm on the other portions of the front."

81 NAMES ON CASUALTY LIST

Eight Killed in Action, Including Capt. Jewett Williams of Athens, Ga.—Ten Died of Wounds.

Washington, D. C., June 15.—The army casualty list today contained 81 names, divided as follows:

Killed in action, 8; died of wounds, 10; died of accident, 1; died of disease, 6; wounded severely, 52; wounded, degree undetermined, 4.

Officers named were: Killed in action: Captain Jewett Williams, Athens, Ga. Corp. William Fleming, Cuba, Kan. Pvt. Jens C. Anderson, Clear Lake, Ia. Pvt. Thomas J. Connelly, New York. Pvt. J. C. Cox, Clovis, Cal. Pvt. Walter E. Higgins, Stockton, Cal. Pvt. Stanley Zebrowski, Detroit, Mich.

Died of Wounds.

Capt. Amele Frey, Langendorf, Switzerland. Corp. Frank Tucker, Pittsburgh, Pa. Corp. John Bellak, South Fork, Pa. Pvt. Clyde Gustine, Excelsior Springs, Mo. Pvt. Thomas G. Lawton, South Medford, Mass. Pvt. Frank Moran, Detroit. Pvt. Alois A. Parton, St. Louis. Pvt. Giovan Rigani, Bernice, Okla. Pvt. J. H. Whalen, Superior, Wyo. Pvt. C. L. Wilks, Elmira, Mich.

Died of Disease.

Sgt. George F. Dickerson, Philadelphia. Pvt. James F. Daley, Old Forge, Pa. Pvt. Orval Gerow, New Grege, N. J. Pvt. Anton J. Placnik, Newark, N. J. Pvt. Joseph Starz, Liberty, Kan. Pvt. Henry Turnage, Wynne, Ark.

Died of Accident.

Pvt. John Hospoduras, Zurutoiro, Russia.

HELD FLAG DAY PARADE.

St. Johnsbury Lodge of Elks Also Held Public Meeting.

St. Johnsbury, June 15.—The St. Johnsbury lodge of Elks fittingly observed flag day with an initiation at their lodge rooms in the afternoon, a supper at the hotel, a big parade through the streets with two bands and 300 school children carrying flags, and a public meeting in the evening. The speakers at the evening session were: Lieut. Gov. Roger W. Hubbard, Mayor C. S. Emery of Newport and Joseph T. Stearns of Burlington.

RETIRING PRINCIPAL HONORED.

Reception Given By High School Students Last Evening.

Students of the four classes of Spaulding high school were present at the Spaulding assembly hall last evening to tender a farewell reception to Principal Henry H. Jackson, who recently resigned the principalship of the high school. Not only did the students of the high school avail themselves of the opportunity of being there, but a large number of alumni and former students were also present to show their appreciation of his service. Mr. Jackson will sever his connection as principal of the high school at the close of the present school year, and he expects to start his new position in the actuarial department of the National Life Insurance company at Montpelier about the first of July.

The assembly hall was tastefully decorated with ferns and several varieties of wild flowers, while several banners were used to good effect throughout the hall. The arch of the stage was arrayed in floral decorations and lent a pleasing effect to the stage.

The first part of the evening's program was made up of the introduction of the students, by several representatives of each of the four classes, to those who were the receiving line. Principal and Mrs. Jackson headed the line, and they were followed by Superintendent of the City schools and Mrs. C. H. White, three members of the high school faculty, Katherine Dudley, Bernice Newburg and Ada E. Waugh, who are to complete their duties as members of the faculty at the close of the present year, and the presidents of the four classes, Laurence Campbell, Ethel Higgs, Gladys Rowell and Gordon Reardon.

At the conclusion of that part of the evening's entertainment a very delightful program was given. The first number on the program was a piano solo by Freda Ladd, '18, which was followed by a vocal solo by Howard Goske, '19, a reading by Hazel M. Lyon, '18, a member of the high school faculty; a vocal solo by Clement McMahon, '20; a cello and violin selection by Gordon Reardon, '21, and Alfred Lacasse, a student of Goddard seminary; a vocal solo by Alfred O'Connell, '18. The program came to a close with a grand march led by Henry H. Jackson, '04. Each number on the evening's program was liberally applauded, each being given with a high degree of ability.

During a lull in the evening's concert, Leroy Ryan of the high school faculty presented Principal Jackson a handsome traveling bag as a token of the appreciation of his aid and helpfulness during the past few years, in behalf of the high school faculty. Principal Jackson responded feelingly to the faculty. He was again called to the foreground a few minutes later when Laurence Campbell, president of the senior class, presented him a purse of money as a mark of his aid and helpfulness during the past few years, in behalf of the senior class. Mr. Jackson expressed his sentiments as to the welfare and progress of the students.

After the exercises, dancing, the music for which was furnished by Reardon's orchestra, was enjoyed by a large number until midnight.

MAY REPORT MONDAY.

The Subscriptions to Barre's War Chest Fund.

The steady stream of war chest contributions is one of the encouraging signs of the campaign for Barre's fund, and today members of the committee said they were expecting final returns to bring the total up to \$50,000. Many of the canvassers were making final reports today, while a clerical force at the church street headquarters worked steadily to complete the compilation of pledges made during and since Tuesday's house-to-house canvass. It is expected that a detailed statement of the war chest contributions will be ready Monday or Tuesday.

From the Philathea class of the Congregational church the sum of \$25.32 was received today. It represents the revenue from "Sunshine" bags distributed to the members of the class last February. On each day of sunshine from March 1 to June 1 each member placed a penny in a "Sunshine" bag. There were 85 days when Old Sol called for donations, and at a recent meeting of the class it was voted to donate the proceeds to the war chest. The gift is deeply appreciated by the committee.

ADDRESS BY FLEETWOOD.

At Graduation Exercises of Lyndon Institute Last Night.

Lyndonville, June 15.—Commencement exercises at the Lyndon institute were held in Music hall last night, when a class of 52 were graduated. In the absence of Hon. Theodore N. Vail, the diploma was presented by the principal, O. D. Mathewson, and the address was given by Hon. Fred G. Fleetwood, secretary of state.

Vermont State Epworth League Institute.

On Monday, June 17, the Vermont state Epworth league institute opens at Montpelier seminary, continuing through the week and closing with special services at Trinity church on Sunday, June 23, when Bishop E. H. Hughes of Boston will deliver the institute sermon in the forenoon and have charge of the communion service in the evening. The forenoon periods of each day will be given up to class work with lectures by various specialists in Epworth league work, among whom are included Dr. C. E. Spaulding, president of the Epworth leagues of New England; Rev. W. M. Gilbert, pastor of the First M. E. church of Boston; and Miss Alice M. Robertson, principal of the New England training school for Christian service, Boston.

Athletic and recreational activities in charge of Professor Davis of the seminary will occupy the afternoons, and various special features are planned for the evening programs.

It will be a week well worth while in every way, and a large attendance is anticipated from the Epworth league societies of the state.

EXPLAINS CURTAILMENT.

Supt. Stebbins of Montpelier & Wells River R. R. Tells Why Trains Are Eliminated.

Supt. A. A. Stebbins of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, when interviewed today on the forthcoming elimination of passenger trains serving on the Barre branch of his railroad, said: "With the adoption of the summer schedule of time, June 24, the Montpelier and Wells River railroad will discontinue the operation of suburban trains between Montpelier and Barre."

"The urgent demand of the director general of the railways for reduction of passenger train service where reasonably possible seems to make such action necessary, and in conformity to his request, trains that are not absolutely necessary are being discontinued throughout the country."

"The necessity is real because of the manifest need of the conservation of coal in anticipation of the shortage which is sure to be felt during the coming winter, and the utilization of railroad manpower in the movement of freight and the relief of the very serious congestion which has existed since the beginning of the war."

"The receipts of the suburban service, with the present schedule of fares and largely increased cost of fuel, pays but a small percentage of its operating cost. The Montpelier and Wells River railroad for the year ending Dec. 31, 1917, failed to earn its operating expenses by the sum of \$35,641.61 and for the first three months of this year the deficit was \$9,838.36."

"The increase in passenger fares ordered by the government and effective June 10 raising the rates of this company to 18 cents or 36 cents for round trip, has materially reduced the number of passengers carried and revenue received from suburban trains."

"The frequent Central Vermont trains and the half-hourly service of the electric cars from 6 a. m. until 10 p. m. furnish reasonable accommodation between the two cities."

"The interest of the community can be best served by maintaining the freight service as fully as possible and making the curtailment in the passenger service which is not absolutely necessary."

SPAULDING COMMENCEMENT.

Next Week Will Be Busy Time for 93 Seniors.

A commencement program conforming closely to that of former years will usher in the activities attending the graduation of ninety-three students from Spaulding high school next week. One of the largest senior classes in the history of the school is on edge with anticipation as the closing week of its school life approaches. The annual prize speaking contest will be held in the opera house Tuesday evening, June 18, and the exercises are to be held Thursday afternoon and in the evening the Spaulding alumni banquet and post-prandial exercises are to take place at Hotel Barre. Commencement week closes Friday evening with the graduation exercises in the opera house.

Programs for the three principal events of the week were announced yesterday and today. Prize speaking contestants and their selections were published in Friday's Times. The class day program has been arranged as follows: Address of welcome, Laurence C. Campbell; class history, Mildred Frances McCall; class will, Eugene Alexander Davis; music, "Memory June" (Vinson); senior girls' essay, "Patriotism as Shown in War Poetry"; Miss Mary Louise Shroyer, third honor; class prophecy, Miss Vivian Katherine Morrison; class ode, Freda Helen Ladd; presentation to the school, Albert Thompson Lyon; address to graduating class, Marion Elizabeth Tilden; music, "Graduation" (Hilton); senior girls' commencement program.

Senior march; prayer; music, "To Our Flag" (James), senior chorus; essay, "The Women Over There," Alice Coralline Downing, second honor; vocal solo, (a) "It's Up to a Man" (Squire), (b) "The Call" (Spross), Hildreth F. Martin, first honor; commencement address, Frederick Tupper, professor of English at the University of Vermont; music, "Rouse Ye, America" (Newton), senior chorus; presentation of diplomas; school hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light."

DEATH OF ESTHER MOVALL.

Popular Barre Young Woman Was Serving as a Nurse.

Miss Esther E. Movalli, a highly esteemed young woman of the Italian colony, passed away at her home, 20 Bassett street, this morning at 5 o'clock. She had been ill for a year, and being due to tuberculosis. Miss Movalli was engaged as a nurse in the Heaton hospital in Montpelier, where she is believed to have contracted the malady while caring for a tubercular patient. Afterward she went to the sanatorium in Pittsford for treatment, returning home several weeks ago. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Antoinette Movalli, her brother, Americo Movalli, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Guidotti and Miss Laura Movalli.

The deceased was born in Barre twenty-one years ago. After attending the city schools, she followed the vocation of a nurse and was entering upon a career of much promise when illness overtook her. By her associates and the authorities at the Heaton hospital she was warmly regarded and throughout her illness they were solicitous of her welfare. Miss Movalli was a member of the Italian Gaiety club.

The funeral will be held from the home Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and services will be held in St. Monica's church, with the parish priest, Rev. Fr. P. M. McKenna, officiating. Interment is to be made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.

POMONA GRANGE.

Meets with Williamstown Grange on Wednesday, June 19, at 10 A. M.

Central Vermont Pomona grange will meet with Williamstown grange on Wednesday, June 19, with the following program: 10 a. m., opening in form and working of fifth degree; 12, dinner and social hour; 1:30, public session, music, Williamstown grange; response, master Central Vermont Pomona; instrumental music, Marjorie Weller; paper, "What luxuries might be cut off to release workers for other occupations?" Mrs. Stewart; music, The Hutchinsons from Randolph grange; reading, member from Cobble Hill grange; music, Mrs. Arthur Brown; reading, Ivis Flint; music, the Hutchinsons; reading, Mrs. N. E. Avery; music, other members; and, if given time will permit, Mrs. Arthur Washburn, lecturer.

U-BOAT KEEPS FAR OFF SHORE

Gave Up Chase of the Armed American Author, 70 Miles Out

Washington, D. C., June 15.—Belief in official circles that the German submarine operating off the Atlantic coast had returned to their bases was cast aside today with the receipt of reports of the renewed activity.

FEARED TO MEET COAST PATROL

Navy Department Changes Its Viewpoint Regarding Submarine Visit

The captain of the British armed steamer Author, arriving at an Atlantic port, brought the news of all-day fight Thursday between his vessel and a submarine, which did not end until the Author had reached a point seventy miles off the Virginia coast, when the U-boat turned back, fearing to brave the coast patrol.

Officials were also interested in the report of a story from an Atlantic port that the captain of the Norwegian steamer Vinland, declared at least one of the submarines is camouflaged to represent a freighter. The Vinland captain was a prisoner aboard the submarine for several hours following the sinking of his vessel.

STEAM KEEMUN REACHES PORT

She Carried No Passengers and So Far as Could Be Seen as She Came to Anchor She Was Not Damaged.

An Atlantic Port, June 15.—The British steamship Keemun, attacked last Thursday night off the Virginia coast by a German submarine, arrived at this port today, apparently undamaged by her encounter with the U-boat.

The Keemun docked at a pier a considerable distance down the harbor. She carried no passengers. Officials of the British consulate said they had as yet no report from the vessel.

GERMANY CANNOT BLOCKADE AMERICA

In the Opinion of Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, First Sea Lord of the British Admiralty, Who Also Thinks But One Submarine Is Operating.

London, June 15.—German submarine activities off the Atlantic coast of the United States should not be taken very seriously, as the Germans probably will not attempt a blockade of the American shores. This is the opinion of Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, first sea lord of the British admiralty. The admiralty believes that there is only one submarine operating off the American coast, and that the purpose of its trip across the Atlantic was to frighten the Americans.

German ruthlessness at sea, the first sea lord declared, must be met by centralized warfare in the North sea and the Mediterranean.

Admiral Wemyss paid tribute to the co-operation of the American naval forces in European waters. He said the American ships not only were stationed in the North sea, but were also operating in the Mediterranean and off Gibraltar.

COMMUNITY PATRIOTIC GATHERING

Sunday Schools of Barre Will Unite Tomorrow in Expression of Loyalty.

The plans have been completed for the community Sunday school patriotic demonstration, which will be held about the city park on Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. All of the churches in the city will be represented, the Catholic, the Congregational, Presbyterian, Universalist, Episcopal, Methodist and Baptist, and the missions at North Barre.

The children will form in line under the direction of their marshals shortly before the hour set, and the parade will start at 5:30 promptly. After marching completely about the park, the children will take their places in a space which will be reserved for them near the bandstand. Music will be furnished by hand instruments to lead in the singing, and the program will be carried out as follows:

"America," "Onward, Christian Soldiers," stanzas 1, 2, and 4.

"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean." Greeting by Mayor Glosse.

Chorus, "Keep the Home Fires Burning." "Fling Out the Banner," stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5. "Star Spangled Banner."

Older singers from the various churches will aid in the singing, and they are requested to meet for rehearsal at the Congregational church at 4:45 o'clock.

The idea of giving the children a chance to show their patriotism and loyalty has been carried out in other communities, and the local demonstration has been undertaken in response to a wish that Barre children might have such an opportunity. Ample police protection for the children has been promised.

PASTOR AND WIFE HONORED.

Rev. and Mrs. Francis A. Poole Given Presents.

St. Johnsbury, June 15.—The 25th anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Francis A. Poole was quietly observed last night by sending to the parsonage \$25 in gold and flowers from the Search Light club of young ladies and Round Table of gentlemen. Dr. Poole succeeded Chaplain Paul Dwight Moody as pastor of the South Congregational church and some ten years ago was pastor of the Barre Congregational church.